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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVANTS – Prohibition & Excise Department – Allegations of Criminal Misconduct and Criminal conspiracy against Sri J.Ravi Kumar, P&E Inspector and 7 other P&E officials for their involvement in the Liquor Syndicate case of Visakhapatnam District – Accused Officers placed on their defence before the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings – TDP framed charges - TDP Repealed - Case entrusted to Commissionerate of Inquiries – Sri R.P.Thakur, IPS(Retd), Member, Commissioner of Inquiries - Appointed as Inquiring Authority - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.382 Dated:18.04.2023
Read the following:-

1. From the DG, ACB, Lr.Rc.No.13/RCO-VSP/2012, Dated:19-10-2012
2. Govt. Memo.No.48014/VIG.V(2)/2012-1, dated:16-01-2013.
3. Govt. Memo.No.48014/VIG.V(2)/2012-1, dated:29-06-2013.
4. Orders dated:27-04-2021 of Hon'ble High Court of AP in WP No.8769 of 2021 filed by Sri Chintagada Dasu, P&E Superintendent, Visakhapatnam District.
5. Orders dated:25.01.2022 of Hon'ble High Court of AP in WP No.1493 of 2022 filed by Sri P.Sreemannarayana Rao, ACPE Enft, Visakhapatnam District
6. Act 29 of 2022 to repeal the Andhra Pradesh civil services (Disciplinary Proceedings Tribunal) Act, 1960 and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto published in AP Gazette, Part-IV-B Extrordinary No.29, Amaravati, dt:22.12.2022.
7. G.O.Ms.No.98, G.A.(Ser.E)Department, dt:18.08.2022.
8. U.O.Note.No.1878240/GAD/COI-R/2022-8, GA(COI)Dept., dt:29.11.2022.

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O R D E R :

Whereas the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau in his (final report) Lr.Rc.No.13/RCO-VSP/2012, Dated:19-10-2012(Cr.No.3/RCO-VSP/2012)vide reference 1st read above, in respect of Visakhapatnam District Liquor Syndicate case, reported that on the allegations of criminal misconduct and criminal conspiracy against Sri J.Ravi Kumar, Prohibition & Excise Inspector and (9) other P&E officials and recommended to place them on their defense before Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings. After following due procedure, the Government have entrusted their cases to TDP. The TDP has framed charges against charged officers.

2. Whereas Sri Chintagada Dasu, P&E Superintendent, Visakhapatnam District has filed WP.No.8769 of 2021 before the Hon'ble High Court for challenging disciplinary proceedings initiated against him vide TEC Nos.354/2013 and 375/2013 in two liquor syndicate cases of Viskhapatnam district and the Hon'ble High Court has passed the orders dated:27.04.2021 directed the respondents to conclude the enquiry within a period of five (5) months from the date of receipt of a copy of the order, falling which the enquiry shall stand closed and the charge memo shall stand quashed. The same is under the examination by the Government.

3. Whereas Sri P.Sreemannarayana Rao, ACPE Enft, Visakhapatnam District (TEC No.380/2013) has filed WP No.1493 of 2022 before the Hon'ble High Court on his charge memo and the Hon'ble High Court has passed the orders dated:25.01.2022 in the above said WP and quashed the TEC No.380 of 2013 and Charge Memo dated 26.10.2018 issued against the petitioner. The same is under examination by the Government.

4. Whereas certain charged officers including Sri K. Jayasimha Chowdary, APES, Visakhapatnam, one of the Charged Officer's in the above disciplinary proceedings, have filed Writ Petitions before the Hon'ble High Court challenging the charge memos issued against them and same are pending with the Hon'ble High Court. In this regard, the GP for Service-I, APHC vide his letter dated 24.02.2023 has informed that the mentioned writ petitions came up for hearing on 24.02.2023 and the Hon'ble High Court directed to conclude the inquiries within 6 months, otherwise the charges will be quashed.

5. And whereas, in the Act 6th read above, it was ordered that "the Tribunal constituted under the repealed Act shall stand abolished and all cases pending before the said Tribunal for Disciplinary proceedings on the said date shall stand transferred to the Commissionerate of Inquiries (COI) to continue the pending proceedings and shall be

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disposed off by it in accordance with the statutory rules governing conduct of the disciplinary proceedings in due compliance with principles of natural justice"

6. Whereas the Government have issued orders of procedure in respect of the cases pending before the TDP and allotted/transferred the same to the Commissioner of Inquiries vide reference 7th read above for conducting regular enquiry.

7. Accordingly, the above cases of Sri J.Ravi Kumar, P&E Inspector and (9) other P&E officials, Visakhapatnam District has been allotted/entrusted to Sri R.P.Thakur, IPS(Retd), Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, to enquire into the charges framed against charged officers vide 8th read above.

8. Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby place the following charged officers on their defence before the Commissioner of Inquiries for conducting regular inquiry into the charges farmed against them for their involvement in the liquor syndicate case of Vishakhapatnam District.

Sl. No.	Name of the Accused Officer Sarvasri	Designation	Place	A.O. No.	TEC No.
1	J.Ravi Kumar	P&E Inspector, O/o (Enft)	Visakhapatnam	7	**372/2013**
2	K.Jayasimha Chowdary	APES	-do-	9	**373/2013**
3	K.Lakshman Bhaskar	DC	-do-	10	**374/2013**
4	D.Gopala Krishna	-do- (Task Force)	Visakhapatnam	13	**376/2013**
5	M.Adiseshu	PES	Visakhapatnam	14	**377/2013**
6	Ramavath Prasad	P&EI	Visakhapatnam-II	15	**378/2013**
7	D.Venkata Paramdama Reddy	-do-	Sabbavaram, VSP	16	**379/2013**
8	S.Srinivasa Rao	P&EI	Bheemili, VSP	18	**381/2013**

9. Now, therefore the disciplinary authority in exercise of the powers conferred under Sub-rule (2) of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules,1991, hereby appoint Sri R.P.Thakur, IPS(Retd), Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, as Inquiry Officer to enquire into the charges framed against charged officers mentioned at para 8 above, for their involvement in Liquor Syndicate case of Visakhapatnam District and he is directed to complete the enquiry expeditiously and to furnish the Inquiry Report to the Government within 4 months (keeping in view of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court in the writ petitions filed by the certain charged officers) to enable the Government to take further action and pass final orders in the matter within the stipulated time as observed by the Hon`ble High Court.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr. RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri R.P.Thakur, IPS(Retd), Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, General Administration (COI) Department, AP Secretariat Building No.5, Velagapudi (with enclosures i.e the record of the case which is received from the TDP).
Copy to:
Sri J.Ravi Kumar, P&E Inspector and (7) other P&E officials, Visakhapatnam District (Through the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada)
The Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi, Guntur District.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The General Administration (COI) Department, A.P.Secretariat, Building No.5, Velgapudu, Guntur District.
The GP for Services-1, APHC, Amaravathi
Sri V.V.S.R.Krishna Reddy, Panel Advocate & Presenting Officer.
SF / SC.

//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER